

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P. M.

June 2, 2009

The regular meeting of the Edgefield County Council was held at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, June 2, 2009, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield, SC.

Members present

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman
Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman
Genia Blackwell, Councilwoman
Norman Dorn, Councilman

Others present:

John W. Pettigrew, Jr., County Administrator
Michael S. Medlock., County Attorney
Margaret Harling (sitting in for Lynn Strom, Finance/Budget Manager
Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council
and others as per list attached

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kneece and the invocation was given by Ms. Essie Nicholson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The June 2, 2009 council agenda was unanimously approved with one addition. A request was added from the Edgefield County Recreation Director. Motion to approve the June 2nd agenda with the one addition was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

The motion to approve the May 5, 2009, Minutes of the Regular County Council Meeting and the May 19th Public Hearing was made by Councilwoman Blackwell and seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried.

Reports

No comments.

Ordinances

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-605, "An Ordinance Providing for the 2009-2010 Edgefield County General Operating Budget." Motion died for the lack of a second.

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Motion was made by Chairman Kneece, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-606, "An Ordinance to Amend Edgefield County Ordinance No. 04-05-558 to Increase the Ten-Dollar Per Vehicle Road Maintenance Fee on All Motorized Vehicles Registered in Edgefield County to Twenty Dollars Effective July 1, 2009." Motion carried with Councilman Dorn opposing (4-1).

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-607, "An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Edgefield County." Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-608 "An Ordinance to Institute Hours of Operation for Establishments in Edgefield County Which Allow for the On-Premise Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages." Motion carried with Councilman Dorn opposing.

No Resolutions

New Business

An item not on the agenda but approved to be added was a request concerning the use of the football field at the Edgefield County Recreation Park by the CSRA Cobras of North Augusta (end of June – August, 6 games).

Ask the recreation department to bring to council a set of guidelines to regulate these fields and let these people use the field if they can supply insurance and security for \$500 (one time).

(All of this was a motion, Ashcraft seconded and the motion carried unanimously.)

This is a one time deal and then will get guidelines set up if they want to continue for that price (\$500 for four hours and \$100 for each hour thereafter).

Nick will take to the Recreation Commission the need for guidelines and charges for the use of the Edgefield County Recreation Park and refer their decision back to council.

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SC Association of Counties update

Robert Croom, Assistant Director, of the SC Association of Counties gave a very informative overview of how the SCAC keeps the counties updated on legislative decisions. He explained the certifications that are mandatory for certain offices and the importance of officials attending classes pertaining to their line of work.

Northside Park restroom bids

The following bids for restroom facilities at Northside Park were presented to council for their consideration, a self contained (vault) restroom.

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| 1. | Sitee LLC (Aiken, SC) | \$23,030 | (includes installation |
| | (options solar fan and solar light | <u>2,200</u> | |
| | Total | \$25,230 | |
| 2. | CXT (Spokane, WA) | \$18,124 | (includes installation & |
| | options) | | |
| 3. | Restroom Solutions (Phoenix,AZ) | \$21,700 | (includes installation) |
| | (options | <u>1,170</u> | |
| | Total | \$22,870 | |
| 4. | Smith Carolina (Reidsville,NC) | \$24,830 | (includes installation) |
| | (no options included in bid) | | |

Councilman Dorn made a motion to accept the low bid submitted by CXT of \$18,124. The chairman asked for a second to Councilman Dorn's motion but not getting one the motion died for the lack of a second.

Convenience Centers Agreement

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve the updated agreement between Edgefield County Government and the Senior Citizens Council for the staffing of the County Convenience Centers. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax web site redesign

The treasurer, Arlene Traxler presented a revision of the current on-line tax service, a redesign. The redesign would allow the taxpayer to retrieve, view and print a copy of their paid tax receipt. The tax payer could also forward a change of address with a duplicate copy to be forwarded to the tax assessor's office.

The administrator explained that the cost of this service could be taken from 100-279 (council contingency) to do the initial up-front cost of \$6,700 and as stated, after the first year additional revenue should be realized by expenses being reduced.

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Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to fund from this year's budget (2008-09) from 100-279. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Handbook discussion

Council received as information some revisions to the employee handbook.

Old Business

Census 2010 Complete Count Committee appointments

Two additional persons are needed to complete the committee as requested by Ms. Doris Jones of the Census Bureau. No names brought to council.

South Tower Antenna replacement

Mike Casey, EMA Director, was unable to attend the council meeting so he asked Chairman Kneece to take a request to council for him. The antenna on the south tower needed to be replaced and the replacement cost was \$1,500 which can be taken from the EMA tower account and reimbursed by council at a later date. Mr. Kneece stated that he gave Mike permission to proceed with having the antenna replaced last week.

Administrator's report

Dixie Youth and softball programs conclude regular season this week. The All Stars start July 3rd and at the EC Recreation Park the work on the lights is continuing. Hopefully that will be completed by the end of the month.

The newly renovated science building at Bettis Academy will be dedicated Sunday, June 7th and on June 20th the Trenton Peach Festival will be held. The public is invited to both of these events.

Mr. Pettigrew, at this time, addressed the chairman concerning the budget, that since there was not a second and a budget has to be passed by July 1 to start the next fiscal year, maybe council would wish to make another motion and make a second to get it on the floor for discussion. If there are problems maybe they can be worked out.

The county attorney, Mike Medlock explained the procedure. "The discussion cannot happen until there is a second to the motion; however, just a second to the motion does not mean you have to vote for the motion.

Councilman Ashcraft made the motion to approve the budget seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. The budget was discussed at this time.

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Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell to approve Ordinance No. 08-09-605 for the 2009-10 budget as amended, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion carried with Councilmen Bright and Dorn opposing.

Guests

Mrs. Becky Turner thanked council for their hard work on the budget and for their consideration of the Edgefield County Genealogical Society.

No comments from the public.

Claims approved as follows:

PAYROLL	5/04/09 thru 5/17/09	
Regular.....		\$226,383.31

PAYROLL	5/18/09 thru 5/31/09	
Regular.....		\$232,154.26

General Operating.....	\$544,909.36
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Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn to go in executive session pursuant to Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) of the SC Code of Laws 1976, as amended, concerning a personnel matter, and returning to regular session at the discretion of the Chairman. Motion carried.

Returning to regular session the chairman announced there was an evaluation report on the administrator and everything is o.k. That concludes our meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular scheduled meeting of council will be held at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

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